

INDEPENDENT AND DEPENDENT VARIABLES

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DOMAIN AND RANGE

• Domain is the set of all values of the independent variable.

• The range is the set of all values of the dependent variable.



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- For every two pairs of earrings you buy at the regular price of \$29 each, you get a third pair free.

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- Since the total cost depends on how many earrings bought, the earrings are the independent variable and the total cost is the dependent variable.

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- Continuous function a function that has a graph with a line or a smooth curve
- It usually has things that can be measured (time, distance, speed)





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